

# Alexandria Gazette.

THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 29.

## LOCAL NEWS.

For this section fair weather, brisk to high northerly wind, diminishing in force, colder Friday morning, followed by slowly rising temperature.

**DEATH OF AN OLD AND RESPECTED CITIZEN.**—Mr. William Henry McKnight, one of the oldest and most respected of our citizens, died suddenly at his home, on south St. Asaph street, at an early hour this morning in the eighty-eighth year of his age. No man in the community had, or more justly deserved the esteem of his fellows than Mr. McKnight, whose probity was proverbial and whose genial disposition, kindness of heart and true Christian character made his life an example worthy of emulation. He lived to an age but seldom allotted to man in these latter days, but retained in a remarkable degree his faculties and to within a few weeks had failed but little.

**COUNTY COURT.**—Judge James Chichester presiding. *U. S. vs. W. C. Holmes*, charged with unlawfully cutting Henry Beach; verdict, guilty of assault, and fined \$25 and costs; same paid and prisoner discharged.

Letters of administration were granted A. G. Hayes, upon the estate of Wm. N. Reed, late of Alexandria county, deceased, and Mrs. F. A. Reed was appointed guardian to deceased's minor children.

*Com. vs. Paschal Carter, Willie Carter and Addie Williams*, indicted for an assault on John S. Smith; case heard and submitted; jury out.

*Frazier vs. Hagenbaugh*; jury and case in progress.

**THE RETROCESSION MATTER.**—A petition is in circulation asking Congress to refer the acts and proceedings of the United States and Virginia relative to the retrocession of Alexandria county to the State of Virginia in 1847, to the judiciary committee, to examine and report upon the validity of these acts, and the proper measures to be adopted in reference to them. The papers are very generally signed in the county and have received some signatures in the city. This matter has from time to time been agitated only to be dropped after those engaged in the retrocession effort had reaped their "trouble for their pains."

**OPERA HOUSE.**—To-night the talented English actress, Claire Scott, will appear as Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots. The Boston Record says: "The play is a powerful one and deeply interesting in its strong and telling situations. Miss Scott, who is a worthy and painstaking actress, made the most of her many opportunities, and won the favor of the large audience in the character of Mary Stuart. She was ably supported by a company of even excellence. Mr. S. K. Corbun maintained the enviable reputation which he has already earned, and the balance of the company were equal to the roles assigned them."

**PROPERTY SALE.**—The farm and improvements of Dr. D. N. Rust, situated near the Leesburg pike, about two miles from this city, has been sold through the agency of Messrs. Green & Wise to Mr. F. L. Curtis, an Englishman, for \$4,300 cash. The farm contains thirteen acres, on which is a comfortable dwelling, fine barn and other outbuildings. It has on it a very large and fine pear orchard. Mr. Curtis and Mr. Randolph Cuyler, who is associated with him, it is said, will start an extensive dairy and will have the best variety of bees to be procured.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS.**—The Christmas celebration of the Sunday School attached to the Lee street chapel of the Second Presbyterian Church took place Tuesday afternoon, those of the schools of the First and Second Presbyterian and the Methodist Episcopal Church South last night, and that of the school attached to Meade Chapel (colored) yesterday afternoon. Large crowds assembled in each church, and the exercises, which were impressive and suitable to the occasion, were joined in heartily by both young and old.

**THE R & D OFFICES.**—The Richmond Dispatch of today quotes the article which appeared in the Gazette yesterday, stating that the R & D K. K. offices would not be removed from Washington to Richmond, and says:

"Major Dooley some time ago told a Dispatch representative that the Board of Directors had entered an order directing that the offices be removed to Richmond. President Sullivan was present at the time. If the board has revoked its action the public is not informed; but there are no signs indicating a return of the offices to Richmond."

**FINED.**—W. C. Holmes, who was tried in the county court yesterday for an assault on J. H. Beach, near Four Mile Run, several months ago, was to day fined \$25 and discharged. The case was given to the jury yesterday evening about 4 o'clock, and this morning they brought in their verdict. It will be remembered that Beach was badly cut about the face and head. The commonwealth was represented by Messrs. J. E. Clemens and C. E. Stuart, and the defendant by Mr. J. M. Johnson.

**ALEXANDRIA COUNTY LANDS.**—The sales and transfers of lands in Alexandria county during this fall have been unparalleled in the previous history of the county. The last monthly list of deeds made out by Clerk Young to be affixed to the courthouse door was over six feet in length, and the December land business shows yet an increase. Many of the purchasers of land are District people, some buying for homes and others as speculation.

**SECRET ORGANIZATIONS.**—A meeting was held in this city last night to organize a uniform Rank of Knights of Pythias. Mr. Geo. Deaton was chosen chairman, H. Harper, secretary and V. C. Moore treasurer. The name of the Rank chosen was Rainbow. A committee was appointed to devise ways and means for perfecting the organization. It is understood that a movement is on foot to organize an order of E. K. in this city.

**A NEW COMPANY.**—The American Reduction Company has recently been formed in New York with Gen. Mahone president, his son, Butler Mahone, secretary, and Mr. D. A. Windsor, of this city, one of the directors. The object of the company is to reduce, by a new process, the abandoned gold and silver ores in several mines in Mexico.

**THE COLD WAVE** reached this city last night and by this morning the temperature was sufficiently low to satisfy any reasonable bawdier of winter weather. All night a stiff northwest wind prevailed which continued during the day. Ice formed in considerable quantities on the river and most of the ponds about the city were frozen over.

**REHEARSAL POSTPONED.**—The public rehearsal to have been given to-morrow night by the Alexandria Musical Association has been postponed on account of the memorial meeting to be held in respect to the memory of the late Mayor Smoot, and also on account of the death of Mr. W. H. McKnight.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

The moon falls to night.

The Maryland ferry steamer Virginia, has been laid up for the winter.

A caucus of the City Council has been called for to night to nominate a candidate for Mayor.

The Citizens' National Bank has declared a semi annual dividend of three and one-half per cent.

An effort will be made to get Congress to pass a bill this session to prohibit the sale of liquor in Washington.

The meeting of citizens to take appropriate action in regard to the death of the late Mayor Smoot will be held at the Opera House to-morrow night.

It is thought that Mr. Frank Hume, of this county, will be chosen the successor to Mr. Smoot as president of the Mount Vernon Avenue Association.

Mr. John H. Strider, of this city, has been appointed foreman of the Richmond and Danville Railroad printing office, in Washington, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Charles H. House.

At a meeting of the directors of the Citizens' National Bank held to day Col. Francis L. Smith was elected a director of the bank. No choice of a president to succeed Mr. Smoot has been made as yet.

Mr. W. F. Latham, a young business man of Culpeper, and Miss Daisy H. Blakemore, of Memphis, but who has been at school until within a month past at the Mount Pisgah Seminary, eloped and were married in Washington yesterday.

A marriage license was issued in this city to-day to Simon Taneel, a well-known colored man of this city and who for a number of years past has been one of the chief cooks at the Hygeia Hotel, and Julia Whiting, who is well and favorably known in this city.

The police report last night as being clear and cold with one prisoner and two lodgers at the station house. The only case before Acting Mayor Strauss this morning was that of Geo. Swansbury, arrested by officer Young, for being drunk and disorderly. He was fined \$1.

Mr. C. S. Taylor, jr., to day received a carload of cotton seed meal.

**BEREAVED BEFORE HIS FAMILY.**—James Salomon, of Pittsburgh, Pa., quarrelled with his wife Sunday night and left the house in anger. His wife followed him, carrying her child in her arms, while her little son ran after, calling to his father to return. Just on the railroad crossing at Eighteenth street, South Side, Salomon paused and looked back, and while standing there was knocked down by a train and his head severed from the body. The tragedy occurred in full view of the man's wife. She picked up the head, kissed it wildly and implored forgiveness for quarrelling.

Mild, soothing, and healing is Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy.

## PUBLIC MEETING.

A meeting of the citizens of Alexandria is called to meet in LANNON'S OPERA HOUSE on FRIDAY NIGHT, the 30th instant, at 7:30 p. m. to express the sense of the community in the loss sustained by the death of the Hon. Jno. B. Smoot, late Mayor of the city.

Henry Strauss, President Board of Aldermen; John J. Jamieson, M. B. Harlow, F. E. Corbett, Hubert Snowden, Geo. W. Fisher, George E. French, John M. Johnson, John G. Beckham, Francis L. Smith, F. A. Reed, A. W. Armstrong, Charles E. Stuart, George R. Hill, Herbert Bryant, Lewis McKenney, W. H. Marbury, N. P. T. Burko, Isaac Richberg.

**SWEET CIDER** received to-day by

W. A. JOHNSON & CO.

**NEW YORK CHAMPAGNE CIDER**, 30c. per gallon, just received.

**USE THE MAGIC STARCH** if you would have beautiful finish to your linen. Sold by

McBURNIE & SON.

**CHOICE FLORIDA ORANGES** and FANCY MESSINA LEMONS just received by

J. C. MILBURN.

**ENGLISH RIBBED SWISS CONDE SHIRTS** and DRAWERS, extra heavy, at

nov25 AMOS B. SLAYMAKER'S.

**A FULL STOCK OF FLOWER POTS** and SAUCERS for same for sale by

J. C. MILBURN.

**60 CASES STABLES' and HONEY DROP CORN** just received.

GEORGE McBURNEY & SON.

**SILVERED-BAHAMA PINEAPPLE**, canned, in heavy syrup, just received by

J. C. MILBURN.

**SURE-RAISING FLOUR** and BUCKWHEAT for sale in 3-lb. packages by

J. C. MILBURN.

**A NICE LINE OF FEATHER DUSTERS** at a reasonable price just opened at

McBURNEY'S.

**DOMESTIC DRY GOODS** as cheap as the cheap

est at

AMOS B. SLAYMAKER'S.

**PINEAPPLE, EDAM and SAPSAGO CHEESE** just arrived.

GEORGE McBURNEY & SON.

**FRESH CRACKED WHEAT** and GRAHAM FLOUR for sale by

J. C. MILBURN.

**STRING BEANS**, Stringless Beans and Early

Joe Beans, choice, for sale by

J. C. MILBURN.

**THURBER'S SHREDDED OATS**—A fresh lot just received.

GEORGE McBURNEY & SON.

**WHITE CLOVER HONEY**, in 1-lb. frames, received to-day by

J. C. MILBURN.

**LUNCY and MARKET BASKETS**, a full line just received by

J. C. MILBURN.

**MALAGA GRAPES**, large clusters, just received at

McBURNEY'S.

**NEW BUCKWHEAT FLOUR** received to-day and for sale low by

J. C. MILBURN.

**50 CASES HONEY DROP and ARSO SUGAR CORN** just received by

J. C. MILBURN.

**MINE MEAT, PRESERVES and JELLIES** just received by

J. C. MILBURN.

**NEW CROP NEW ORLEANS MOLASSES**, extra fine quality, received to-day by

J. C. MILBURN.

**XXXX CONFECTIONER'S POWDERED SUGAR**. The best for fine Confections. Sold by

GEORGE McBURNEY & SON.

**PHILLIPS' DIGESTIBLE COCOA**, highly recommended for invalids and children, for sale by

J. C. MILBURN.

**STRICTLY PURE CIDER VINEGAR**, extra strength, for pickling, for sale by

J. C. MILBURN.

**MALAGA GRAPES** and CAPE COD CRANBERRIES just received.

GEORGE McBURNEY & SON.

**PRIME NEW CITRON**, Raisins and Currants just received and for sale low by

J. C. MILBURN.

**FRESH ALMONDS**, English Walnuts, Pecans, Cream Nuts and Filberts for sale at

J. C. MILBURN'S.

**A TONIC OF CELEBRATED MINE MEAT** and PLUM PUDDINGS for sale by

J. C. MILBURN.

**SAN BLAS COCONUTS** just received by

J. C. MILBURN.

**COLUMBIA RIVER PICKLED SALMON** just received by

J. C. MILBURN.

## AMUSEMENTS.

**OPERA HOUSE**  
THURSDAY, DEC. 29.

The Dramatic Event—The Brilliant Emotional Actress,

**CLAIRE SCOTT,**

In Schiller's Sublime Play.

**"MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS."**  
Miss Scott has made a great popular success in the role of Mary Queen of Scots.

Admission 25 and 35c; reserved seats 50 and 75c.

A beautiful Cabinet Photo. of Miss Scott presented to every lady holding a reserved seat.

**STOCKHOLDERS' MEETINGS.**  
**WASHINGTON AND LOUDOUN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.**

The annual meeting of stockholders for the election of officers will be held at the W. O. & W. R. depot in Alexandria, Va., at 10:30 a. m. on WEDNESDAY, January 4th, 1888.

**THE WASHINGTON GRANITE QUARRY COMPANY.**

The annual meeting of stockholders for the election of officers will be held at the W. O. & W. R. depot in Alexandria, at 11 a. m. on WEDNESDAY, January 4, 1888.

**AUCTION SALES.**  
By R. T. Lucas, Auctioneer.

**TRUSTEES SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.**

By virtue of a deed of trust from Henry Grube and Annie A. Grube, his wife, dated May 4th, 1886, recorded in deed book No. 17, page 118, and by order of the Board of Directors of the Mt. Vernon Cooperative Building Association No. 2, of Alexandria, Va., the undersigned will sell at public auction, in front of the Royal street entrance to the market building, at 12 o'clock, noon, on SATURDAY, January 7th, 1888, the following property, to wit:

**ALL THAT TENEMENT AND LOT OF GROUND** on the west side of Patrick street, between King and Cameron streets, in the city of Alexandria, Va., fronting twenty feet six inches on Patrick street, and extending west with same width as the front one hundred and twenty-three feet five inches.

Terms of sale.—Cash.

HUBERT SNOWDEN, } Trustee.  
C. A. YOUNG, }  
C. R. STOUTENBURGH, }

**CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE.**  
Room No. 2 Market Building.

Alexandria, Va., Dec. 19, 1887.

**DELINQUENT STATE TAX-PAYERS TAKE NOTICE.**

At the January term of the Corporation Court, at the front door of the Corporation Court House, on Fairfax street, I will OFFER AT PUBLIC SALE ALL THE REAL ESTATE belonging to delinquent tax payers for the year 1884, a description of which can be seen at my office, No. 2 Market Building, or at the Clerk's office of the Corporation Court.

M. B. HARLOW, } City Treasurer.  
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**NEW MUSIC STORE.**

I have opened at

**NO. 414 KING STREET.**  
(Between Pitt and Royal)

A MUSIC STORE, WHERE YOU WILL FIND A COMPLETE STOCK OF

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND NOVELTIES,

AND SHEET MUSIC AND BOOKS.

Music teachers should leave their cards at my store, so they can have the benefit of the usual discount to the profession.

I am also agent for the celebrated

**MONARCH ORGANS**

AND

**HEINEKAMP PIANOS.**

which I will sell at reasonable prices.

Call and see my stock.

Catalogue mailed to any address.

**S. A. MANKIN,**

dec23 2m No. 414 King st., Alexandria, Va.

**WASHINGTON STREET**

**Livery, Sale & Exchange Stables.**

Boarding and Hiring. Horses taken at Livery by the Day, Week or Month. All kinds of vehicles for hire at reasonable rates. Personal attention given to all customers and satisfaction guaranteed.

Parties and Weddings served. Safe, Prompt Driving Teams for Family use.

Telephone call No. 4.

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**CHATHAM'S**

**Livery, Sale and Exchange Stables.**

HORSES, CARRIAGES, BUGGIES AND OTHER VEHICLES FOR HIRE.

HORSES BOARDED BY THE DAY, WEEK OR MONTH AT LOWEST RATES.

Telephone call NO. 74.

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**Pianos and Organs Tuned and Repaired.**

TERMS MODERATE.

Orders left at 512 Cameron street, south side between Pitt and St. Asaph, will receive prompt attention.

dec20 1m

Prof. E. C. HOLMES.

**15 BAGS**

**BLACK-EYED PEAS**

for sale by

W. A. JOHNSON & CO.,

dec17 1w

Corner Cameron and Royal sts.

**COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.**

I will be in my store, 324 King street, during the month of December, to meet those wishing any information connected with their State or city assessments. Office hours: 2 to 5 o'clock p. m.

GEORGE DUFFY,

Commissioner of the Revenue.

**LICENSE NOTICE.**

All persons doing business for which a license is required, and who have not paid, are requested to call at the Mayor's Office from 12 to 2 o'clock each day from now to December 31st, and settle.

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JNO. B. SMOOT, Mayor.

**APPLES.**

One carload of

**CHOICE NEW YORK APPLES**

just received and for sale by

dec19 1w

N. LINDSEY & CO.

**THE CHRISTMAS TURKEY** will be enjoyed more if there is a nice CARVER and FORK for the host to carve with. We have them at all prices.

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JAS. F. CARLIN & SONS.

**PERBY'S HARNES OIL SOAP.**

Three sizes—\$1, 50 and 25c sizes; the finest article in the world for harness. For sale by

dec27

W. F. CREIGHTON & CO.

**RED WARRIOR CHOPPING AXES**, wholesale and retail, at 88 King, corner of Royal st.

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J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

**NEW YORK BUCKWHEAT and NEW PEARL HOMINY** just received.

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GEORGE McBURNEY & SON.

## DRY GOODS.

**J. E. TACKETT. E. C. MARSHALL.**

## THE XMAS HOLIDAYS

Will soon be upon us, when we can again indulge in the time-honored custom of giving presents to those we love and esteem, and the people being wise in their generation more than ever, combine the useful with the beautiful in their selections.

There is not the slightest necessity for you to puzzle your brains about what will be an appropriate present for this one and that one; but come see our stock and have the question settled at once.

We can show you an elegant assortment of

**HAND BAGS AND POCKET BOOKS,**

in all shapes, colors and sizes and at all prices, from 5c to \$3 and \$4. Then there are the

**HAND-PAINTED FANS**

and those that are not hand-painted.

**The White and Colored Silk and Cashmere Mufflers**

are certainly nice for gentlemen, and our stock of them